

Currently

Car & Flight = \$2120

Flights = \$860

Car = \$1260

Food = \$30 dollars a day = \$630

Gas = \$600

Camp Sites = 15 nights @ \$40 a night = \$600

Possible hotels = 2 or 3 nights @ \$350

Total = \$3540

I am trying to figure out the logistics to the whole trip and spent a long time looking at it. I shared a map with you too highlighting the spots we want to hit. Looks like we should really do a loop and I am trying to figure out the best place to start the loop and what direction. Looking at the overall trip I have it broken into three sections with an optional fourth area.

1. Idaho - 6 days
2. Seattle, Portland, Olympic - 6 days
3. California - Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, Yosemite - 6 days
4. Monument Valley, Arches National Park - 2 days

My thought was we would probably have the hardest hiking in Idaho. The itinerary is in the works below. I thought we do the first two days pretty easy in the car, then we have one long day with SLC inbetween and then we start the Idaho portion. The only other option is to leave from Salt Lake and cut out the Denver, Moab and Arches. I really really think you will love arches. Its definitely up there with Bryce, maybe even better. I looked into the camp sites there, they are booked inside the park at the time. So we can camp in Moab, it's not that far away.

Let me know what you think of this so far

The only other idea, and I am going to talk to Kim about it today, is we do the trip clockwise as opposed to counter clockwise. That way we can scoop Kim after Yosemite and head North with her to Portland and do Olympic, Seattle if Kim wants to. Leaving San Fran, we would camp one night to split up the ten hour drive and find somewhere before Portland. I don't think Alix would mind, I will check with her too if this is even an option.

My other struggle is the car and what you want to do. I am trying to break up the days and give us rests from being in the car or doing a lot of hiking and camping. At this rate, we are looking at camping 15 of the potential 22 days, which is $\frac{2}{3}$ the trip and a lot. So places like Grand Junction, Seattle, Portland, San Fran and potentially Vegas all give us time to rest in between camping.

Flights:

looked at flights to denver, they are about 125 to 175 cheaper. than Salt Lake City. If we do that we can hit up arches national park on the way to salt lake and then hit monument park which is in southern utah on the way home.

Ideas?

Cars: Are a lot more expensive than I thought they would be. I did find a place that I could take a cab ride to in Denver that would save us 30 to 40 a day. Which I thought was a lot. Pay that cab fee twice from the airport to the car rental and you still save overall big.

Ideas on this?

Current Itinerary

Day 1: Fly into Denver, drive to Grand Junction (4 hours 30 min.)

Fairfield Marriot

Day 2: Get up early and drive to Arches National Park (1:45 min)

Spend the day there and camp in Moab (Up the Creek Campground)

Day 3: Drive to Salt Lake City (4 Hours) See Spiral Jetty

Drive further (3 hours) to camp in City of Rocks

Day 4: Hike in City of Rocks

Day 5: Craters of the Moon

Day 6: Atomic City & Bonanza

Day 7: Challis Hot Springs

Day 8: Drive to Missoula

Day 9: Spokane to Seattle

Day 10: Spend Day in Seattle

Day 11: Olympic National Park

Day 12: Olympic National Park

Day 13: Olympic National Park

Day 14: Drive to Portland
Stay with Alix

Day 15: Portland
Stay with Alix

Day 16: Drive and camp somewhere from Portland to San Francisco

Day 17: Drive to San Francisco

Day 18: Drive to Yosemite

Day 19: Yosemite

Day 20: Yosemite

Day 21: Drive to Monument Park

Day 22: Drive to Denver and Fly Home

7 days: Idaho -

city of rocks, craters of the moon through atomic city, up through sun valley to Sawtooths, use saw tooth maps no gizzlys, hike sawtooth, see bonanza, go to chalis hot springs, 93 lewis and clark, go 90 west to Spokane, see north cascades if possible, (book)
Frank Church

6 days: Washington

visit seattle, visit olympic - (trekking washington) hike to enchanted loops, page 26 park at graves' creek, stay at lake grenault (two days), bigacheile, go to realto beach, BB in forks, make (it to?) crescent lodge

portland

go through bend (way in)

6 days: California

trinity alps
lost forest -
yosemite -

Drive home

Car

thrifty, dollar, rugged rentals (only drop off and pick up in salt lake)

if we are going to be in Yosemite, we go to SanFran or Sacramento

Flight

May take Redeye home

Cheapoair.com

expedia + car rental

google flights

Flexible for 3 weeks, books something that leaves later, gets home later, around 18th
August 20th is the latest we can get home

-Leave as early as July 14th later than August 20th